

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims

1. (currently amended) A system for utilizing audible, visual and textual data with alternative combinable multimedia forms of presenting information to provide real-time interactive knowledge management in support of activities conducted simultaneously by multiple users in different remote locations, comprising receiving, accessing, processing, storing, retrieving, transmitting and utilizing said data to provide said knowledge management over a distributed network of computers, further comprising:

(a) library science means for categorizing ~~the information~~ said data used in said knowledge management wherein said categorizing creates a classification profile for at least one element of said data, said profile containing fields of information describing and classifying said element;

(b) linguistics means for defining information acquisition, exchange and workflow to permit said categorization;

(c) database means for storing said data elements ~~managed information~~ according to a schema which implements said categorization;

(d) media production means for representing said data elements ~~managed information~~ in multimedia audible, visual and textual data in digital forms; and

(e) computer software means for implementing said system over a computer network to permit interactive, multidirectional, multimedia digital data communications originated by a user from at least one first location and made available to at least one second location.

2. (currently amended) A method of using a system for utilizing audible, visual and textual data with alternative combinable multimedia forms of presenting information to provide real-time interactive knowledge management in support of activities conducted simultaneously by multiple users in different remote locations, comprising receiving, accessing, processing, storing, retrieving, transmitting and utilizing said data to provide said knowledge management over a distributed network of computers, wherein said method comprises:

(a) categorizing ~~the information~~ said data used in said knowledge management wherein said categorizing creates a classification profile for at least one element of said data, said profile containing fields of information describing and classifying said element utilizing library science techniques;

(b) defining information acquisition, exchange and workflow to permit said categorization utilizing linguistics techniques;

(c) storing said ~~managed information~~ data elements in a database according to a schema which implements said categorization;

(d) representing said ~~managed information~~ data elements in multimedia audible, visual and textual data in digital forms utilizing media production methods; and

(e) implementing said system over a computer network using computer software which permits interactive, multidirectional, multimedia digital data communications originated by a user from at least one first location and made available to at least one second location.

3. (original) The system of Claim 1 or 2 wherein said database schema provides multiple levels of restricted access to said managed information.

4. (currently amended) The system of Claim 3 wherein at least some of said ~~managed information is~~ elements are included within at least one category, wherein said category ~~has each having~~ at least one subcategory implementing said database schema such that said category includes all of the information included in each subcategory associated with said category.

5. (currently amended) The system of Claim 4 wherein ~~the information~~ an element in each category or subcategory is retrievable independent of the information in any other category or subcategory.

6. (currently amended) The system of Claim 5 wherein ~~information~~ elements containing a common characteristic ~~is~~ are retrievable from at least two different categories or subcategories.

7. (currently amended) The system of Claim 1 or 2 wherein a single ~~item~~element of ~~managed information~~said data is stored in at least two different locations of said database when said ~~information~~element has been altered from its original form such that each different form of said ~~item~~element is stored in a different location.

8. (currently amended) The system of Claim 7 wherein a single ~~item~~element of ~~managed information~~said data is referred to by more than one designation such that each said designation enables a reference to at least one other designation for ~~that item~~said element.

9. (original) The system of Claim 6 wherein the user accesses said categories or subcategories of information from an internet web page having access through a web server to said database.

10. (currently amended) The system of Claim 9 wherein said web page contains at least one user executable feature for:

(a) providing access to the most common or most recent information used within a category or subcategory;

(b) retrieval and processing of said data for presentation in each form in which said data is used;

(c) storing the information most commonly used by said user according to a categorization established by said user;

_____ (d) selecting an audible, visual and/or textual broadcast of a designated element of said data according to a selected multimedia format;

_____ (e) combining an element with at least one other element for presentation in at least one broadcast;

_____ (f) searching each category or subcategory for at least one said element; or

_____ (g) combinations thereof.

11-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) The system of Claim ~~13~~10 wherein said ~~item~~element of subpart (d) or elements of subpart (e) ~~are~~is presented in a combination of audible, visual and/or textual multimedia forms in said broadcast.

16. (currently amended) The system of Claim ~~14~~10 wherein said ~~items~~elements of subpart (e) are combinable into different audible, visual and/or textual multimedia forms in said broadcast.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The system of Claim ~~9~~10 wherein said search of subpart (f) is conducted by a match of:

_____ (a) data contained within said item;

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- _____ (b) identification information for said item;
- _____ (c) classification information for said item;
- _____ (d) natural language terms;
- _____ (e) Boolean operators;
- _____ (f) one or more keywords; or
- _____ (g) combinations thereof.

19 and 20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) The system of Claim ~~47~~10 wherein ~~the~~thesaid search of subpart (f) accommodates inaccuracies created by the search request or digitization of said item.

Please add claim 22 as follows:

22. (new) The system of Claim 1 or 2 wherein said data is continuously and dynamically added or updated by one or multiple said users.